

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A copolymer of comprising

- (A1) 70 to 100 mol% of at least two different monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid monomers and
 - (A2) 0 to 30 mol% of one or more nonionic monomers, which have been reacted with
 - (B) 5 to 30 mol%, based on the amidatable functional groups present in the copolymer of the monomers (A1) and if desired optionally (A2), of an amino-C₁-C₂-alkanesulfonic acid, and/or a salt of an amino-C₁-C₂-alkanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The copolymer according to claim 1, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as component (A1), at least two monomers selected from the group consisting of monoethylenically unsaturated C₃-C₆-monocarboxylic acids, of monoethylenically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acids, anhydrides of monoethylenically unsaturated C₃-C₆-monocarboxylic acids, anhydrides of momoethylenically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acids, salts of monoethylenically unsaturated C₃-C₆-monocarboxylic acids, salts of momoethylenically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acids, and combinations thereof and their anhydrides and the salts of these acids.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The copolymer according to claim 1 or 2 of claim 1, which is made up only of the monomers (A1).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The copolymer of claim 1 according to claims 1 to 3, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as ~~monomer~~ the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, and/or maleic acid, or combinations thereof.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The copolymer of claim 1 according to claims 1 to 4, which comprises, in copolymerized form, ~~as monomer as the monomers~~ (A1), methacrylic acid and acrylic acid in the molar ratio 9:1 to 1:2.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The copolymer of claim 1 according to claims 1 to 5, ~~in which wherein the component (B) comprises 2-aminoethanesulfonic acid, a salt of 2-aminoethanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof and/or a salt of this acid has been used as component (B)~~.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process for ~~the preparation of copolymers according to claims 1 to 6, which comprises preparing the copolymer of claim 1, comprising~~

- a) copolymerizing at least two of the monomers (A1) and, optionally if desired, one or more of the nonionic monomers (A2) free-radically with one another to obtain a precursor copolymer and
- b) reacting the precursor copolymer obtained in step a) with an amino-C₁-C₂-alkane-sulfonic acid, a salt of an amino-C₁-C₂-alkanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof, to form the copolymer and/or a salt of this acid.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method of making a detergent, comprising, forming the detergent with the copolymer of claim 1 ~~The use of copolymers according to claims 1 to 6 as film inhibiting additive for detergents and rinse aids for dishwashers.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~A detergent, cleaner or rinse aid which comprises A composition comprising the copolymer of claim 1 and at least one additive selected from the group consisting of a gelatin, a polyvinyl alcohol, a polyvinylpyrrolidone, a polyethylene oxide, cellulose, starch, sodium tripolyphosphate, sodium carbonate, sodium disilicate, sodium percarbonate, tetraacetyl ethylenediamine, a low-foam nonionic surfactant, sodium chloride, sodium sulfate, a polyacrylic acid sodium salt, and combinations thereof~~
~~copolymers according to claims 1 to 6 as additive.~~

Claim 11 (New): A method of cleaning dishware comprising, cleaning the dishware with the composition of claim 10.

Claim 12 (New): The composition of claim 10, wherein the at least one additive comprises a low-foam nonionic surfactant.

Claim 13 (New): The copolymer of claim 2, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, maleic acid, or combinations thereof.

Claim 14 (New): The copolymer of claim 3, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, maleic acid, or combinations thereof.

Claim 15 (New): The copolymer of claim 2, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid and acrylic acid in the molar ratio 9:1 to 1:2.

Claim 16 (New): The copolymer of claim 3, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid and acrylic acid in the molar ratio 9:1 to 1:2.

Claim 17 (New): The copolymer of claim 3, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid and acrylic acid in the molar ratio 9:1 to 1:2.

Claim 18 (New): A method of making a detergent, comprising, forming the detergent with the copolymer of claim 2.

Claim 19 (New): A method of making a detergent, comprising, forming the detergent with the copolymer of claim 4.

Claim 20 (New): A method of making a detergent, comprising, forming the detergent with the copolymer of claim 5.

Claim 21 (New): A method of making a detergent, comprising, forming the detergent with the copolymer of claim 6.